

August 28, 2008

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and member Askren and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Randy Stapp – Lions Club; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Comm. Maynard.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they also have the minutes of the Executive Session before them.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of those minutes also be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Maynard arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated, as a result of the Executive Session, he would like to recommend to the Board the hiring of Josh Brock as the newest police officer.

Board member Askren moved the recommendation of Chief Beloit to hire Josh Brock be approved, pending successful completion of his mental and physical examinations. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating he is still in the process of getting quotes on a new color printer – he has one and is waiting on another. Hopefully, he added, he will have them by the next meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters reported Fire Service was down three days last week making some repairs – it seems they have been having some valve issues. He added mainly the valves and just other little things, but they will be back down next week to perform the actual service work. He then stated they have handed out 17 applications and to date have received three back – he reminded the Board all applications are due back September 3.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens began his report by stating in reference to the computer issues they discussed at the last meeting, he feels all he needs to purchase is a computer tower.

Board member Askren moved permission to purchase the computer tower be given, with Supt. Givens searching for the best deal, and Miss Bennett is authorized to write a check for purchase before the next meeting. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating the control panel is up and running at O'Donnell Court.

Supt. Givens then stated the Vac Con truck was serviced last week, they have been using it all this week and it is running very well. He added they attended the maintenance seminar and learned a lot of things to do to help prolong the life of the truck as well. He then reported the belt was installed by the sewer department on the press and they did a very good job with that. He concluded his report by stating there was a broken manhole on Munchoff, a new cover had to be special ordered, but it is in and installed.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated at the Road School he and Asst. Miller just returned from, they learned that many municipalities are having a hard time getting their salt for the year. He added on top of that, the prices are not good. He stated they do have a contract with Mulzer for the city salt, but Mulzer told him today that they can not guarantee the city's 300 ton will be there if they wait much longer to take delivery. He informed the Board that due the harsh winter, he only has \$2500 left in his salt line, and to order 150 ton now would cost about \$10,000. He wanted to hold off on the purchase, but he is afraid it may not be there.

Board member Higgins asked if he could wait until his new salt barn is built so he doesn't have to move all that salt ?

Comm. Maynard replied no, he is afraid if he waits, the salt could be gone. He just wanted the Board to be aware that later in the year, money will more than likely have to be moved around in his budget to cover the cost of the salt.

Comm. Maynard continued by stating they have two dump trucks, one 11 years old the other 13 years old that they also use in the winter as snow plows. He stated the newer of the two was repaired last week and he was informed that the frame was rusting out. He added at the first of the year, he may need to prepare some specifications to look into purchase a new dump truck, or, in a few months, possibly look at getting a used one from INDOT.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe suggested he prepared the specs for the big Notice to Suppliers that they do every year for the next year's supplies.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she has no legals, but would like to inform the Board that today she received around \$970,000 from the County Auditor for 2006 pay 2007 property taxes.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience is Randy Stapp with the Lions Club.

Mr. Stapp stated he would like permission to once again block the riverfront on September 13 for fireworks in conjunction with the Mt. Vernon River Days. He added he will be shooting them off from the Mount Vernon side of the river, but he only has between 150 and 200 shots.

Mayor Tucker moved permission to block the riverfront be given. Seconded by Board member Askren. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried. Board member Higgins abstained.

Mayor Tucker stated next on the Agenda is Board member Higgins with some concerns about the Mt. Vernon River Days.

Board member Higgins stated she will need to have some streets closed for the event, as follows: September 11, for set up, around 6:0 p.m., effecting a small area of Water Street. September 12 around 10:30 a.m. south of 2nd Street and Water from Walnut to College. September 13 south of 4th Street on Main. She added the event ends with the fireworks on the 13th. She added she will need barricades and she will also email the exact closings to Chief Waters, Chief Beloit and Comm. Maynard.

Board member Askren moved the closings be approved. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried. Board member Higgins abstained.

Board member Higgins she now needs to discuss security for the event. She added she has spoken with Chief Beloit, and as there will be things left out overnight, as well as Bingo as night, they will be needing some extra coverage. She added hopefully as this is a historic event, they will not have a big rowdy group.

Chief Beloit added they will handle this in the same way they do the Street Fest, only it will be a scaled down version.

Board member Askren asked if they will be paid overtime ?

Chief Beloit replied yes.

Board member Higgins added the River Days will be paying half of that cost.

Board member Askren agreed to the security plan, with Mt. Vernon River Days paying for the half the police overtime. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, reported the motion carried. Board member Higgins abstained.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Comm. Maynard questioned if the Board decided what they would like for him to do with their old roller ?

Board member Askren stated she feels he should scrapped.

Comm. Maynard agreed and added once it is sold for scrap, he will turn the money in to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Tucker reminded him to also take it off of his inventory.

Chief Waters stated he was unable to get a test from Terre Haute, so he has had his daughter in this week working on their new test. He added it took her 11 hours, but they now have it done.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer